OLD ENGLAND.

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Nuſquam tuta fides. VIRG.

IF our Negociations at *Aix* do not produce us a general Peace, we have the Pleaſure however to obſerve, that they are wondrouſly productive of *Conventions*, in the Nature of ſupplementary *Preliminaries*, if I may be allowed that Expreſſion; and who knows but, from *Convention* to *Convention*, we may at laſt hit upon a particular *Peace?* The *Dutch*, our good diſintereſted Allies, as well as ourſelves, are very ſincere in deſiring a *Peace*. It will ſtrengthen the Power of the Revolution in *Holland*, and fix the Baſis of the new Government there; and a Peace will be alſo of infinite Service to eſtabliſh the tottering Foundation of our celebrated *Coalition:* It will mortiſe the Conſtituents in the Poſts which they fill up with ſo much *Wiſdom* and *Abilities*, as to render them the Admiration of all *Europe*. The Maritime Powers have ſhewn ſo prompt and unfeign'd a Diſpoſition to catch at the Ball, which *Louis Quinze* toſt up into the Air for the Entertainment of the Allies, that they joined in a *ſeparate Article* with the common Enemy, to compel their common Friends into his Terms, or relinquiſh their Alliance, and leave them to his *moſt Chriſtian* Diſcretion: Thus copying the Politics of the ſo-much decried Peace of *Utrecht*.

The *Catalans* were brought into good Queen *Ann*'s War, on her Royal Promiſe and Aſſurance of Protection, Redreſs of Grievances, and Eſtabliſhment of their Liberties; but were moſt ungenerouſly forſaken by her Miniſters in the Day of Trial, and left to the Mercy of an incenſed and angry King; who not only deprived them of their ancient Liberties, but filled his Gallies with Slaves from among the common People, and the neighbouring Kingdoms with noble Exiles; inſomuch, that half the Province became depopulated. I have read of a Set of Miniſters, I think of *Preſtor John*'s Court, who, after having publiſhed their Abhorrence of this Abuſe of public Faith among us, did afterwards, in the moſt ſhameful Manner, tread in the very ſame exploded Path; with this extraordinary Aggravation of Guilt, That whereas the *Catalans*, who were not Principals in the War, had been firſt formally apprized, in a public Manner, of the Terms of Indemnification which had been provided for them, and, after a Length of Time allowed for their Approbation, had previous Notice given to them of the Deſertion that would enſue, if they did not accept of thoſe Terms, which I think were not very bad. But in this laſt Caſe, which I muſt inform my Reader happened in the Kingdom of *Bildulgerid*, a private Combination is ſet on Foot againſt the Queen, who was Principal in the War, between two Powers in Alliance with her and the common Enemy, to force her into ſuch Terms as they had thought fit to preſcribe, and which did not appear to have been ever communicated to her, or that ſhe had been previouſly treated even with the Decency of a Compliment to ſave Appearances; which I apprehend was the higheſt Indignity that could have been thrown in the Face of injured Royalty! Injured, ſays my Author, becauſe, tho' it can't be well alledged ſhe was led into the War, yet ſhe was greatly miſled in it, diſſuaded from accepting the advantageous Terms that the common Enemy had offered, and encouraged to purſue the War with the moſt ſolemn Promiſes of ſupporting her Pretenſions, — and yet to be deſerted at laſt! to have her public Friends become her private Enemies! to have Terms impoſed upon her with Threats! not only infinitely ſhort of what they had prevailed upon her to reject, but ſuch as ſhe could not with Honour accept, as they had been projected and ſtated without her Participation; not to mention the diſmembring her Dominions, and ſtripping her of her beſt Provinces without Mercy.

Let it not be urged in Extenuation, continues my Author, that theſe Promiſes were made before our *wonderful Stateſmen* had acquired their impious Power; for it is notorious they had no ſooner ſeized on the *Station of Direction*, than they formally communicated, to all the Powers engaged in the War, their Acquieſcence in the Meaſures for conducting it that were then on Foot, and aſſured them of their hearty Concurrence in every Particular on that Head without any Alteration: Nay, when they found the Principal in the War, was, by Reaſon of the Abſence of the great *Atlas* of Buſineſs from the Councils of her beſt Ally, inclined to accept of the former Terms which the Enemy had propoſed, they made *new Promiſes* and *new Undertakings*, more advantageous than the former, to induce her to continue the War; no leſs than to provide Armies of their own to fight her Battles for the next Campaign, without any other Aſſiſtance from her own Subjects than what one *ſingle Commander* in Chief might contribute. Who knows not theſe Anecdotes of the prevailing *Faction* to be true, knows as little of the public Affairs of the World abroad, as the contemptible Writer of the *Jacobite Journal* does among us at *London*; and, like him, is fitter to rake in the Dirt of Scurrility than to argue on the important Matters of State. Compare we then theſe two Inſtances of public Perfidy, and let the moſt ſanguine Advocate for the *laſt* deny, at the Peril of his Character, that it reflects more Diſhonour upon a Nation than the *firſt*, which has been ſo often branded with Infamy by the Mouth of Authority!—Who inveigh againſt the Actions and Conduct of others, and yet commit the ſame wilful Miſtakes themſelves, ſtand ſelf condemned and ought to be in the like Manner with the public Stigma of Reproach.

I have taken Notice, in ſome former Papers, of our precipitate Cloſing in with *France* in the Preliminary Articles of Peace, but ſaid very little of our premature diſarming and diſbanding our Marine Forces, further than the Advantage which the *French* took of picking up our Seamen, and buying off our Ships of War. I don't mean, as our News-Writers tranſlate, any Part of the *Royal Navy*; but our Privateers, which the *French* call *Vaiſſeux de Guerre* in common with our Men of War, and may ſerve them in that Capacity, and ſo turn our own Artillery againſt us. This is an undoubted Fact, and is a Conviction to Demonſtration to every unprejudiced Mind, that *France* has ſomething elſe in View beſides, if not contrary to, a general Peace. She has inviegled us into a Negociation, which, however it turns out, muſt turn to her Advantage and to the great Prejudice, if not the utter Ruin of the Allies. I have proved already elſewhere, that the diſtreſſed Condition of that Nation, and the Glory of her *Grand Monarch*, required Peace or a Reſpite from War, 'till ſhe could ſupply her Neceſſities in one way, and in another avert the impending Blow, which, from the *Ruſſians*, threatened to drive her out of all her Conqueſts. She got rid of her Fears and the *Ruſſians* together. Her Wants are already furniſhed at our Expence, and her Magazines very amply filled with our Corn; ſo as to enable her, for ſome Years again, to continue the War which had exhauſted her Stores, reduced her Traders into Bankrupts, and all her Inhabitants into a ſtarving Condition. Her mercantile Traders are returning home daily with their Wealth, and her ſo long interrupted *Martinico* Fleet is expected very ſoon to complete her Happineſs; while her Confederate and Ally the *Spaniard* is haſtening home his immenſe Treaſures, which we had ſo long locked up in the *Indies*, with all poſſible Speed, before our Eyes, open to behold our egregious Error and Folly.

France is making a further Market of this Receſs, by cutting down all the fine Timber in *Flanders* to ſupply her Navy; in which ſeveral thouſand Pair of Hands are conſtantly employed, and making the beſt of their Time. This ſingle Advantage alone was worth the whole War to her, and perhaps was the chiefeſt Inducement to extend her Conqueſts ſo far: So that ſhe is not only buying up Ships of War in *Sweden* and *Great Britain*, but is making Preparations for building Fleets and Navies in her own Ports; which ſhe can't be at a Loſs to mann while our Seamen are turned ſtrolling about the Nation, as ſo many Inſtances of our public Ingratitude and impolitic Conduct.

'Tis obſervable, that we had no ſooner been fettered with theſe inauſpicious *Preliminaries*, and that the Miniſter of *France* had notified his Pleaſure to the Miniſters of the Allies to attend him at his own Houſe, than he began to prevaricate; firſt, to prevent the March of the Auxiliar *Ruſſians*, as I have likewiſe amply ſhewn elſewhere; and having gained that Point, with ſo much Honour to his Country and Diſgrace to our's, he then found Means to create a Miſunderſtanding between the Allies, and quibbled away on other Objections ſo as to ſuſpend the Conferences, 'till, as a ſpecial Courier, he ſhould take a long Journey to *Paris*, and vouchſafe to return again at his Leiſure; while others were patiently ſauntring away their Time, in Expectation of this great *Dictator* of Peace, or rather Embroiler of their Negociations. At the very ſame Time that theſe affected Delays were tranſacting abroad, and could not poſſibly, as one would think, eſcape our Notice and Conſideration at home, we were unrigging and laying up our Ships of War, and breaking and diſarming our Marines as faſt as we could. All the World muſt concur with me in admiring this as an Inſtance of ſurpaſſing Parſimony and Sincerity for a Peace, maugre all the Inſinuations of our *Malcontents* to blaſt it as very unadviſed and premature, and the Source of all the Difficulties which have been ſtarted on the Side of the Enemy, to confound and explain away the *Preliminaries:* Whereas (thus they argue againſt me) had we kept the *Ruſſians* in Sight, and treated with Sword in Hand, and ſhewn even but the Face of Reſolution, a general Peace had ſoon enſued to the Satisfaction of all our Allies, inſtead of Temporary *Conventions* and Subterfuges, tending only to ſet the Allies at Variance, bring the Abilities of our Negociators into Diſpute, and the Wiſdom of the *Coalition* into Doubt.

To ſhew ſo prompt a Diſpoſition (ſay they) to ſeparate from a faithful Ally, whom we had drawn into a Continuance of the War, merely perhaps to gratify and eſtabliſh

the new Government of another, who had deſerted us in the Day of Battle, and ſacrificed Thouſands of our Fellow Subjects Lives (Ten Thouſand and upwards as the Survivors affert!) to their own Safety, can't be ſaid to be any great Inſtance of Prudence or Policy. But to diſband upon the Faith of a Power, branded even to a Proverb for Perfidy, was in the Apprehenſion of ſome People ſtill more ***** and ****! and ſeemed to tempt the Enemy to depart from the Word in of the *Preliminaries*, to amuſe us with *Conventions*, to protract the Time with Doubts and Trifles; and finally, give us the wretched Alternative of ſubmitting to harder Terms and Conditions of Peace, or renew the War, for which, by our Credulity and Folly, they are become ſo well prepared; while our Coaſts ſtand naked and expoſed to their Attempts, without perhaps a ſingle Ally to ſupport us in the unequal War; for who will truſt where they have been moſt egregiouſly deceived?

LONDON.

At Eleven o'Clock on Wedneſday Night laſt, Leveſon Gower, Eſq; Son to the Right Hon. the Lord Gower, one of the Secretaries to the Congreſs at Aix la Chapelle, arriv'd at his Grace the Duke of Bedford's Expreſs from the Earl of Sandwich, with the Definitive Treaty for a General Peace which was ſigned at Aix by the Miniſters of Great Britain, France, and the States General; to which 'tis ſaid the Queen of Hungary's Miniſters were daily expected to follow his Example. The Spaniſh Miniſters at the Congreſs has declared, that he had orders to ſign the Definitive Treaty immediately after Count Kaunitz; as every Thing was ſettled between the Crowns of England and Spain. And

That the King of Sardinia's Miniſter has alſo Orders to ſign directly.

It is uſual on ſuch Occaſions to preſent 500 l. to the Bearer of a Definitive Treaty of Peace.

We hear the Yachts are ordered to be got ready, and to be in Holland the firſt of November next; ſo that his Majeſty will not be at St. James's till about the Middle of that Month, the Parliament not being to meet to do Buſineſs till the 29th.

On Wedneſday laſt died raving mad, at his Houſe at Mile End, Mr. William Auguſt, By a Bite of his own Dog about two Months ago. He ſeemed to be very well on Saturday laſt; but on Sunday Morning was taken ill, and continued ſo to the Time of Death.

We receive very melancholy Accounts from all the Midland Counties, that the Mortality amongſt the Cattle rages with more Violence than ever, eſpecially at Leiceſter where they have loſt great Numbers of Beaſts, and recover few or none.

They write from Briſtol that ſeveral of the Merchants of that City, have received Orders from their Correſpondents (Merchants) in France, to buy for their Uſe what Ships are offered to be ſold, for carrying on the French Trade; according to which Orders they have purchaſed at ſeveral Ports in this Kingdom, divers Privateers and Merchantmen; particularly in that City, the Sheerneſs Privateer, of 20 Guns formerly a Man of War in the Royal Navy. And

They write from Paris, that the King has ordered an exact Review to be made of all the Foreſts in the Kingdom of France, in order to be perfectly informed what Timber is fit for the Service of his Navy; and that the Sieur Goquart, Intendant of Canada, had ſent Advice that the Engliſh had begun the Preparations for reſtoring Cape Breton.

By Letters from Bath we have Advice, that there is already come down for this Seaſon the greateſt Number of Nobility and Gentry as has been there in the Memory of Man.

By Letters from Plymouth, of the 8th Inſtant, there is Advice, that ſeveral Tinners were aſſembled in a riotous Manner near Padſtow in Cornwall, as it is ſaid, on a ſmall Quantity of Corn being Collected, as they apprehended, for Exportation.

A Cauſe, of a very ſingular Nature, is now depending in Doctors Commons between the Heirs at Law of the late Mr. Eldridge and his Wife, who were burnt in the dreadful Fire, which was ſuppoſed to begin at their Houſe in Exchange Alley; her Relations claiming a Right to the Share of the Huſband's Effects (being conſiderable) which ſhe was intitled to as Widow; on a Suppoſition that the Man was the firſt that periſhed. In defence of which Suppoſition it is alledged, that ſome Family Uneaſineſſes having occaſioned their ſeparating Beds, the Huſband lay on the firſt Floor, and in the Manor the Fire broke out, was, conſequently, the ſooneſt expoſed to the Flames.

On Saturday laſt Samuel Brown and Mathew Loyſeau were indicted at the Quarter Seſſions at Weſtminſter, for aſſaulting Henry Howard, a Watchman of the Pariſh of St. Paul Covent Garden, and breaking his Thigh Bone and diſlocating his Hip Bone, when the Jury found them guilty, and the Court fined Brown in 20 l. and ſix Months Impriſonment, and Loyſeau in 10 l. and to be impriſoned till the fine is paid.

Laſt Friday Night as the Lord Biſhop of Saliſbury's Coach which had brought his Lordſhip from his Palace at Saliſbury to his Houſe in the Temple, was going under the Temple Gate, Fleet Street, it was robbed of a Hamper as ſuppoſed by ſome Jews, which was filled with Proviſions and ſome other Things of Value.

One Night laſt Week, as a Gentleman and his Wife were on their Return home from Enfield, they were attack'd coming over Brown's Field, near that Place by two Fellows, who robbed the Gentleman of his Watch, three Guineas, and ſome Silver.

Wedneſday the Seſſions began at the Old Bailey, when Eighteen Priſoners were tried, Two whereof were Capitally Convicted, viz.

Samuel Shorer, and Richard Shaw, for robbing one of Admiral Matthews's Servants of Seven Shillings and Twopence Half-penny, on Wimbey Green.

Thurſday 24 Priſoners were tried, one of whom was capitally convicted, viz.

Thomas Emmerſon for aſſaulting John Swain in his Dwelling houſe, and putting him in Fear and Danger of his Life, and taking from him 3 s.

The Remainder of the Seſſions will be noticed in our next.

Extract of a Letter from Goſport, Oct. 12.

"On Thurſday in the Afternoon two Sailors, coming from London, were attacked on High Head by two High waymen well mounted, who took from one of them upwards of Four Pounds, and from the other Ten Guineas, and then made off. They were tall, ſtout, well-ſet Men, dreſſed in White Frocks and Jockey Caps.

The ſame Night John Meanis, an Invalid, having ſome Words with his Son-in-Law, ſhot him through the Heart. The Coroner's Inqueſt ſat on the Body, and brought in their Verdict, Wilful Murder.

Saturday ſeveral Colliers came into the Harbour to the great Joy of the Inhabitants of theſe Towns; but, by the French buying ſo many Coals here, is not near enough to anſwer the Demand of this Town."

Extract of a Letter from Capt. John Dravey, of the Betty Sloop bound from Bermudas to Philadelphia, dated from Dellawar Bay, Auguſt 8.

"On Monday the 1ſt Inſtant, in Lat. 35, Long. 61. 75 W. I ſaw a Snow coming down for us, which I ſpoke with at One, P. M. I aſked where they were bound; they anſwered, they did not know; I then aſked what they meant; they then anſwered, they were taken by a Spaniſh Privateer the firſt of July laſt; that they had ſix Engliſh men and ſix Spaniards on board, bound to Petit Guava's, had no Proviſions left, and very leaky, I told them, if the Spaniard would give me up their Commiſſion, I would ſupply them; which accordingly they did.——I then took ſome Pvoviſions, and went on board, and took Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Veſſel (leaving my Mate with the Command of my Sloop) and ſent the Spaniards on board the Sloop. The Snow is called the Diligence, bound from Surinam to Rhode Iſland, and was commanded by one Capt. Foy, who was carried away in the Privateer. I have now thank God, a Pilot on board, and are both Sloop and Snow going up Delawar River with a Fair Wind. The Prize is laden with Cocoa and Molaſſes."

Laſt Saturday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes at Guildhall, viz. No. 51,477, 1000 l. 47,014, 52,404, and 26,460, 500 l. 50,381, 62,399, 3877, 8567, and 49,725, 100 l. each.

Monday the Prizes were No. 33,575. and 10,770, 500 l. each; 35,345, 14,571, 4511, 10,369, 14,610, and 45,719, 100 l.

Tueſday the Prizes were No. 18,057, and 41,937, 1000 l. each; 19,466, 500 l. 24,292, 43,267, 27,188, 34,511, 41,606, and 40,206, 100 l. each.

Wedneſday the Prizes were No. 18,641, and 18,134, 1000 l. each; 10,588, 50,666, and 22,850, 500 l. each; 27,552, 20,577, 50,435, 13,189, 4013, 51,411, and 23,116, 100 l. each.

Thurſday Number 41,976, was drawn a Prize of 500 l. and 56,647, 14,839, 52,271, 20,213, 33,666, 49,357, 37,216, 23,103, 17,175, and 55,243 of 100 l. each.

Yeſterday the Prizes were No. 32,815, and 29,651, of 500 l. each; and 39,396, 10,025, 15,354, 61,635, 791, 7,871, 31,428, 39,355, 100 l. each.

By a Letter from Hanover, we have an Account, that Baron Starenbourgh, Brother-in-Law to the Counteſs of Yarmouth, who had lately had 1800 l. per Ann. Sterling left him, will be choſen a Prince of the Empire.

Since the Ceſſation of Arms took Place, the Auſtrian and the French Troops have amuſed themſelves with ſome very briſk and laudable Expeditions againſt the Marauders and Free Booters in the Biſhoprick of Liege and the County of Faquemont, of whom, within theſe three Months, they deſtroyed ſeveral hundreds, and amongſt them ſome who had practiſed that Villainous Employment with Impunity, for twenty Years together.

By a Private Letter from Liege, dated October 16, we have an Account, that the French of a ſudden, by a large Body of Irregulars, inveſted the Wood of Marlagne, ſtopping every Body that was paſſing through it till they had finiſhed their Search. At length, in the Center of the Wood, they found the Perſons of whom they were in Purſuit; that is to ſay, five Men, an old Woman, a young one, and two Children. Near the Place of their Retreat there was diſcovered a Pit, in which were the Bones of human Bodies; and in another Pit, not far off, they found a conſiderable Sum of Ready Money, Jewels, Watches, and other Things of great Value; and among the reſt, five Gorgets belonging to French Officers who, without doubt, they had murdered. The Priſoners were all carried to Maeſtricht under a ſtrong Guard, and then the Paſſengers who had been ſtoped, were diſcharged.

The Neceſſity of holding a national Council in France, is ſaid to ariſe from the Diſtaſte which many of the Prelates in that Kingdom have taken to the Jeſuits, who valuing themſelves upon their extenſive Intereſts, venture upon many Things that are by no means reconcileable either to the Peace or Safety of the Gallican Church; which Abuſes the French Prelates are reſolved to reform, with the Conſent and by the Aſſiſtance of the Holy See.

The laſt Letters from Paris ſay, that the King had certainly nominated the Duke d'Aumont to repair to London in Quality of Ambaſſador from France; the Duke de Biron for his Ambaſſador at the Court of Vienna, the Count d'Etrees at Madrid, the Count de Houteſors to go as his Ambaſſador to Turin, and the Preſident Ogier to reſide in the ſame Quality at the Hague.

Letters from Chamberry, dated October 3, ſay, That the Infant Don Philip is to paſs the Winter at Mount Alban Caſtle. His Sardinian Majeſty has diſcharged above 5000 of his National Troops. They write from Genoa that a very great Miſunderſtanding ſubſiſts there amongſt the Nobility, and that a great Number of high Officers have reſigned their Employments.

Monday came Advice, that the Princeſs Succeſſor of Sweden was ſafely delivered of a Prince the 27th paſt, and both in a fair Way of doing well.

We learn from Berlin; that a Woman of ordinary Condition, who is one hundred and five Years of Age, has lately cut a new Set of Teeth, that are very regular, white, and beautiful, and that many of the Virtuoſi reſort to viſit her.

They write from Peterſburgh, that they have received Advice there, from M. Nepleuf, her Imperial Majeſty's Miniſter at the Porte, that the Grand Signior had been obliged on the 6th of September laſt, to declare in a full Divan his Brother's Son, Sultan Ibrahim, Heir Apparent to the Ottoman Empire, in order to prevent a new Inſurrection, to which the Populace were but too much inclined; but at the ſame Time ordered the Grand Vizir to declare to all the Foreign Miniſters that, notwithſtanding this Step, he meant to adhere inviolably to all his Treaties with the Chriſtian Powers.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Newcaſtle, Oct. 8. Laſt Week a very odd Affair happened at Sunderland. A Man having agreed to marry a Widow whoſe former Huſband died inſolvent, ſome arch Fellows perſuaded her that, to avoid Proſecutions, it was abſolutely neceſſary for her to go to her intended Huſband's Houſe naked, in Sight of ſeveral Witneſſes in broad Day, from the open Streets: Accordingly, Yeſterday ſe'nnight, between 8 and 9 in the Morning, ſhe ſtript herſelf ſtark naked, and in that Condition was walking over the High Street of Sunderland to the Bridegroom, when he was ſo kind as to meet her about half-way, with a Smock and Petticoat in his Hand, which he ſlipt over her Head before a Crowd of Spectators.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SWITZERLAND.

Schaffhauſen, Sept. 27. O. S. The Propoſal made to the Canton of Fribourg, to permit the Pretender's eldeſt Son to reſide there, has occaſioned a Letter from Mr. Burnaby the Engliſh Miniſter to Helvetick Body which is couch'd in very ſtrong Terms. As the Anſwer which was given by the Regency of Fribourgh ſeems very extraordinary, and as this Affair makes ſome Noiſe, we give both the Letter and Anſwer as follows;

"*Magnificent Lords,*

As ſoon as I was informed of the Propoſal made to you at Arbergh, by the French Ambaſſador, my Duty obliged me to acquaint the King my Maſter with it. I alſo took Care to acquaint his Majeſty, with the Anſwer which you thought proper to make to that Ambaſſador by your Deputies, by ſignifying to him that the Canton of Fribourg conſented to receive and give Refuge to the Pretender's eldeſt Son, giving him in that Anſwer the Title of *Royal Highneſs*. The King at firſt was very unwilling to believe it; but I leave you to judge how extremely ſurprized he

must have been, when at the same Time that I had the Honour to send his Majesty the Letter from the laudable Helvetick Body dated the 21st of July, I confirmed my former Advices. In fact, it is a Thing beyond my Comprehension, and which makes me quite at a Stand, that, without consulting with, or giving me the least Notice, you could listen to the Artificial Reports which were spread abroad, as if the King consented, or could ever think of consenting, that that young Man should take up his Residence in Switzerland.——You certainly did not, at that Time, Magnificent Lords, call to mind, that neither his late Majesty the King of England, of glorious Memory, nor her Majesty Queen Anne, would, upon any Account whatsoever, permit any Prince, in Friendship with the Crown of Great Britain, to give Protection to the Father of that young Italian in any of their Dominions on this Side the Alps. His glorious Majesty at present upon the Throne, who has just delivered Europe from the Fetters that were forging for it, and who is actually ready to restore Peace to it, upon just and honourable Conditions, has much stronger Reasons to Promise himself, that after all his generous Efforts to Support the Free States in their Independence, which was in a tottering Condition, and after bestowing immense Treasures towards restoring the Publick Tranquility, neither you, Magnificent Lords, nor any of the laudable Cantons of Switzerland, will receive or protect the Person who pretends to his Crown, or any of his Descendants; whose Race is odious to all British Subjects and proscribed by the Laws of Great Britain. Such a Step on your Part, without the Participation of your Co-Allies, would be a pretty odd Contrast to the Cordial Expressions, so full of Gratitude, contained in the Letter herewith enclosed, which the laudable Helvetick Body so lately wrote to his Majesty. I beg you seriously to reflect upon this, and also upon the Contents of what I now write to you by the King's express Command, and that there may be no Mistake in an Affair so delicate and of so much Importance. I desire that your Answer may be such as may induce his Majesty to act vigorously, as he has done heretofore, in every Thing that may be of Service to you.

Berne, Aug. 28. 1748. Sign'd BURNABY."

The Answer of the Regency of the Canton of Fribourg to the foregoing Letter.

SIR,

"The Letter which you gave yourself the Trouble to write to our Little and Great Council, dated the 28th of August, was drawn up in Terms of so little Respect, and so improper to be address'd to a Sovereign State, that we think it deserves no Answer; and moreover the Style of it, Sir, is such as can never induce us to consult you upon the Constitution or Sovereignty of this State. As to the rest, we remain, &c."

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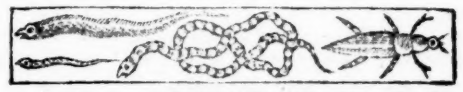

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